

Remarks


A listing of all claims for the present application is submitted herewith. Claims 7-9 are withdrawn from consideration and thus canceled without prejudice in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed September 14, 2001. The amendments to the specification and the arguments in the Preliminary Amendment mailed on September 10, 2003 remain as submitted therein.

No fee is believed to be due for the filing of this paper. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments as a result of the filing of this paper to our Deposit Account No. 02-3978.

The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to discuss prompt resolution of any remaining issues necessary to place this case in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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